

make all necessary rules and regulations, according to the usual course of justice, which may be required for the purposes and objects of the said sections of this act.

Free negroes, &c. migrating from this State and being absent ninety days, not to be permitted to return.

76. If any free negro or person of color, who may be a resident of this State, shall migrate from this State, and go into any other state, and shall be absent for the space of ninety days or more, it shall not be lawful for such free negro or person of color to return to this State ; and if any free negro or person of color shall violate this section, he shall be liable to the same penalties as are prescribed for the punishment of free negroes and persons of color, who migrate to this State : *Provided*, that no persons shall incur the penalties or disabilities prescribed in this section, if he or she shall have been prevented from so returning to this State by sickness, or other unavoidable occurrence.

Free negroes not to intermarry with slaves.

77. It shall not be lawful for any free negro or free person of color to intermarry, or cohabit and live together as man and wife, with any slave ; and any free negro or person of color, so intermarrying, or cohabiting and living as man and wife with a slave, shall be liable to indictment, and, upon conviction, shall be fined and imprisoned, or whipped at the discretion of the court ; the whipping not to exceed thirtynine lashes : *Provided*, that this section shall not extend to any case, where an intermarriage, or cohabiting, or living together took place, before the first day of March, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and thirtyone.

Any person of color attempting to commit a rape on a white woman, to suffer death.

78. Any person of color, convicted by due course of law of an assault with intent to commit a rape upon the body of a white female, shall suffer death without benefit of clergy.

Free negroes, &c. not to gamble with slaves.

79. It shall not be lawful for any free negro, mulatto or person of mixed blood, descended from negro ancestors to the fourth generation inclusive, (though one ancestor of each generation may have been a white person,) to play at any game of cards, dice, nine-pins, or any game of chance or hazard, whether for money, liquor or any kind of property, or not, with any slave or slaves ; and any free negro, mulatto or person of mixed blood as aforesaid, so offending, shall, upon conviction before any court having jurisdiction, receive a whipping, not exceeding thirtynine lashes, on his or her bare back.

Free negroes, &c. not to suffer slaves to gamble in their houses.

80. If any free negro, mulatto, or person of mixed blood as aforesaid, shall knowingly suffer any slave or slaves to play at any game of cards, dice, nine-pins or any game of chance or hazard, whether for money, liquor or any kind of property, or not, in his or her house, or in the yard, field or garden attached or belonging to his or her house, he or she shall be liable to indictment in any court having jurisdiction ; and, upon conviction, the free negro, mulatto or person of mixed blood as aforesaid, shall receive a whipping on his or her bare back, not exceeding thirtynine lashes.

76. 1830, c. 14.

77. 1830, c. 4, s. 3.

78. 1823, c. 1229.

79. 1830, c. 10, s. 2.

80. 1830, c. 10, s. 3.